

# LESSON PLAN: “FIRSTGOV FOR KIDS”



**GRADES:** 5–9

**TIME:** 1 hour or less

**SUBJECT:** Consumer Information

This is an activity that will familiarize youth with [kids.gov](http://kids.gov), the FirstGov for Kids website. [Kids.gov](http://Kids.gov) provides links to Federal kids’ sites along with some of the best kids’ sites from other organizations—all grouped by subject. Students will use the worksheet provided to search for answers on [kids.gov](http://kids.gov). This fun and dynamic activity will provide young consumers with information and skills that will be beneficial for the rest of their lives.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

### **Short Term—**

- To develop an awareness of [kids.gov](http://kids.gov) and its usefulness.
- To improve Internet search skills.

### **Long Term—**

- To build student confidence by empowering them with search skills and a central portal to the Federal government.

## **MATERIALS:**

Access to the Internet to search [www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov) and a copy of the activity worksheet.

## **PROCEDURES:**

### **Individual—**

Give each student an activity sheet and have him or her answer the ten questions, by using [www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov) (the instructions are also given on the activity page). Questions include multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank and question/answer. Most questions can be answered within three clicks from the homepage.

### **Group—**

Let kids form their own small group, or assign them into groups. Give each group the activity sheet and ask them to work together to answer the ten questions.

## **ANSWERS:**

For a teacher’s copy of the lesson plan and answers, please contact us at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/emailus.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/emailus.htm). Include your name, school, e-mail address, and “FirstGov for Kids” in your message.

## **EVALUATION:**

### **Grade—**

Each answer is worth 10 points.

### **Non grade—**

Use this worksheet as a discussion tool. For example, some kids may have found the answer to question number one under “Health” and others may have found it under “Science and Math.” Take this opportunity to point out that sometimes information can be found many different ways.